

REMARKS

This response is being filed within three months of the Office Action dated July 28, 2004.


Claims 20-26 have previously been withdrawn from consideration. Applicant hereby cancels these claims.

In the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, the Examiner states that claims 27-39 are allowed. The Examiner states that claims 17-19, which are dependent on independent claim 16, are objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

In the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, the Examiner rejected claim 16 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,050,671, which is co-owned by the owner of the present application. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 16 and to allow this claim, along with corresponding dependent claims 17-19.

If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this response, a call to Applicant's counsel, Ms. Ingrid M. McTaggart at (503) 230-7934, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any other questions regarding the above referenced application, a call to Applicant's counsel Mr. Robert D. Wasson at (360) 212-2338, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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